



## Sonoma County Sheriff's Office

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Postmaster General Megan J. Brennan  
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Washington, DC 20260-3500

Kenneth E. Richardson  
901 New York Avenue  
NW Tower, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20268  
Via US Mail and Email: [richardsonke@prc.gov](mailto:richardsonke@prc.gov)

Re: Rio Nido Post Office Closure, Rio Nido CA 95471

Postmaster Brennan and Mr. Richardson:

I write to you regarding the Rio Nido Post Office closure and the impacts on the community as seen from a law enforcement perspective. Rio Nido is an active part of the Russian River community and we proudly provide public safety services to the area.

It is my understanding that Rio Nido residents will now access their mail at the Guerneville Post Office as home delivery is no longer available to them. It should be noted that several years ago, the Sheriff's Office and Guerneville community shared concerns regarding the safety and security of the Guerneville Post Office. Vandalism, loitering, and other crimes were occurring at the location and the U.S. Post Office was urged to reduce the hours of operation. This has greatly helped curb crime. We realize this presents a problem to many; however, opening the post office 24 hours a day would not be in the best interest of public safety.

If returning to home delivery is not an option, providing secure access to the facility through the use of a pin pad and code, would certainly serve public safety. This would allow residents to retrieve their mail at times most convenient to them as well as maintain the security and safety of the Guerneville Post Office.

Sincerely,

  
**ROBERT GIORDANO**  
Sheriff-Coroner

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